

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 26, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 189

Introduced by Senator Hueso

February 9, 2015

An act to add Section 12897 to the Government Code, relating to clean energy development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 189, as amended, Hueso. Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee.

Existing law requires specified state agencies to prepare and submit to the Secretary for Environmental Protection, specified information relating to the state agency's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including a list of measures adopted and implemented by the agency to meet GHG emission reduction targets, as defined, and a status report on GHG emissions reduced as a result of these measures. Existing law further requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to provide that information on its Internet Web site in the form of a state agency GHG emission reduction report card.

This bill would create the Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee, comprised of 7 members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules, as provided. The bill would *prescribe the terms and qualifications of committee members and would* require the committee to advise state agencies on the most effective ways to expend clean energy and ~~GHG-related~~ *GHG-related* funds and implement policies in order to maximize California's economic and employment ~~benefits~~. *benefits, and to take specified actions in that regard.* The bill would also require the committee to provide an annual update to the

Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on its activities. *The bill would require each state agency responsible for implementing clean energy and low-carbon policies and programs to submit an annual progress report to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature describing how it implemented or responded to the advice, guidance, and recommendations of the committee.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Numerous analyses have shown that California's world
4 leadership in clean energy and greenhouse gas emission reductions
5 law; and policy have led to major employment and economic
6 benefits as well as to significant environmental and public health
7 benefits.

8 (1) In December 2014, the Advanced Energy—~~Economic~~
9 ~~Economy~~ Institute issued a report entitled "California Advanced
10 Energy—~~Economic~~ Employment Survey," which showed that state
11 advanced energy policies have created over 430,000 jobs, an
12 increase in of 5 percent over 2013.

13 (2) That report further showed that California was number one
14 in installed solar capacity and solar jobs, number one in total
15 advanced energy investment, number one in electric vehicle sales,
16 and number two in energy efficiency.

17 (b) In order to ensure that California's clean energy and climate
18 programs are optimized for maximum economic benefit and job
19 creation, the State Air Resources Board, the State Energy
20 Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and the
21 Public Utilities Commission have all created advisory committees
22 to help them better understand the implications of their clean
23 energy and climate policies.

24 (c) The purpose of this act is to create a single independent blue
25 ribbon committee to provide advice to these and other agencies
26 on the most effective ways to maximize California's economic
27 benefits and jobs growth via actions and investments in a cleaner,
28 low-carbon economy.

SEC. 2. Section 12897 is added to the Government Code, to read:

12897. (a) The Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee is hereby created.

(b) (1) The committee shall consist of the following members:

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(A) Five members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

~~(2)–~~

(B) One member each appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Rules Committee on Rules.

(2) *Each member shall serve a term of four years.*

(3) *Committee members shall not receive per diem or other similar compensation for serving as a committee member, but may receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties.*

(c) The committee shall consist solely of persons with expertise in economic, financial, and policy aspects of clean energy economic ~~growth and growth, job-creation. creation, workforce standards, and employment opportunities for disadvantaged workers. At least two members of the committee shall have experience working on economic projects in disadvantaged communities.~~

(d) The committee shall advise state agencies on the most effective ways to expend clean energy and greenhouse-gas-related ~~gas-related~~ funds and to implement policies in order to maximize ~~California's~~ California's economic and employment benefits. *The committee shall also do all of the following:*

(1) *Develop guidance for tracking and reporting jobs outcomes for state clean energy and low-carbon investments and use this information to evaluate jobs outcomes.*

(2) *In consultation with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, develop guidance to measure the quantity and quality of jobs created by state investments in clean energy and low-carbon investments, as well as guidance to measure the geographic and demographic distribution of jobs.*

(3) *Advise state agencies on the most effective ways to require responsible contractor standards, as applicable, and minimum training and skill certifications for workers to ensure high-quality work for state clean energy and low-carbon investments, and the most effective ways to connect disadvantaged communities and*

1 *other target populations to good quality jobs and career pathways*
2 *created by those investments.*

3 *(4) In consultation with the California Workforce Investment*
4 *Board, advise state agencies on the most effective ways to align*
5 *state clean energy and low-carbon training funds with existing*
6 *state workforce development investments and strategies.*

7 *(e) The committee shall provide an annual update to the*
8 *Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the*
9 *Legislature on its activities.*

10 ~~*(f) Nothing in this section shall affect the existing authority or*~~
11 ~~*responsibilities of any state agency.*~~

12 *(f) (1) The State Energy Resources Conservation and*
13 *Development Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, the*
14 *State Air Resources Board, and any other state agency responsible*
15 *for implementing clean energy and low-carbon policies and*
16 *programs shall submit an annual progress report to the Governor*
17 *and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature*
18 *describing how it implemented or responded to the advice,*
19 *guidance, and any recommendations provided by the committee*
20 *pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (d).*

21 *(2) This subdivision shall be inoperative on January 1, 2021,*
22 *pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.*